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TERMINAL, GATEWAY AND CONTENTS SERVER
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Examiner: Son, Linh L.D.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued October 5, 2004 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below:

“Claims 1 through 8, 11 through 13, 16, and 17
Cited Literature 1 through 3

Remarks

Described in Cited Literature 1 is an invention that carries out verification of a terminal device, comprised of a server device that converts data to enable a portable information terminal device to browse the world wide web and to adapt page data acquired from a web server on the internet (equivalent to “contents” of the present application) to the destination terminal device.

For example, as described in Cited Literature 2 and Cited Literature 3, it is common when utilizing Internet data to employ a user ID and password to verify a user and to provide the user ID and password with an expiration date.

We can find no particular difficulty in verifying the user based on a user ID and a password as the verification method of the invention described in Cited Literature 1 and providing an expiration date for the user ID and password. How the expiration date is managed at this time is nothing more than what a person skilled in the art could appropriately select.

Claim 9
Cited Literature 1

Remarks

Described in Cited Literature 1 is the invention of a portable terminal device that receives and displays web data.

When comparing the invention described in Cited Literature 1 and the invention relating to Claim 9, there is a difference in the content of the data received, but this difference is not technically related to the processing of the portable terminal, and therefore we cannot recognize a point of material difference.

Consequently, we cannot recognize novelty in the invention related to Claim 9.

Claim 10
Cited Literature 1 through 3

Remarks

We cannot recognize any particular difficulty in having the portable terminal device receive an ID and password that the server issues in the invention described in Cited Literature 1

Claims 14 and 15
Cited Literature 1

Remarks

Described in Cited Literature 1 is the invention of a web server that receives page data acquisition requests and sends page data.

When comparing the invention described in Cited Literature 1 and the invention relating to Claims 14 and 15, there is a difference in the content of the acquisition request, but this difference is not technically related to the processing of the server, and therefore we cannot recognize a point of material difference.

Consequently, we cannot recognize novelty in the invention related to Claims 14 and 15.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-250009
 2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-265443
 3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-146824
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Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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Prior Art Literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-173711

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-336345

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-090033

(The 3 publications above describe the invention of a gateway system that verifies users.)

This Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results does not constitute a reason for rejection."

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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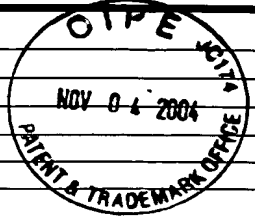
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